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TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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CRUISE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified some of the rivers in the country for promotion of Cruise Tourism;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the river basin which have been identified for Cruise Tourism; and

(c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a), (b), & (c): The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism products including river cruise tourism under the scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects for development of river cruise in the year 2008-09:

1. Rs.2042.35 lakh for development of Ganga Heritage River Cruise in West Bengal.

2. Rs.4309.91 lakh for integrated development of infrastructure for Heritage and River Cruise Development on Mandovi and Zuari river in Goa.

The implementation of the projects is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism monitors the implementation of the projects through site visits and review meetings from time to time.